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SUBJ: SOVIET WIFE OF US CITIZEN-VERA FLOYD

1. REQUEST DEPT. ADVISE AMCIT JERRY LEE FLOYD OF 113 PROSPECT AVE., LONG BEACH, CAL. 90803 (TEL. 213-434-3180) THAT HIS SOVIET CITIZEN WIFE VERA FEDOROVNA FLOYD NEE ANTONOVA CONTINUING TO ENCOUNTER DIFFICULTIES IN ATTEMPTING APPLY FOR SOVIET EXIT PERMISSION. IN VISIT TO EMBASSY AUG. 9, MRS. FLOYD STATED THAT MOSCOW OVIR REFUSED ACCEPT HER APPLICATION ON BASIS THAT SHE IS NOT PROPERLY REGISTERED FOR RESIDENCE IN MOSCOW. ALTHOUGH HER SOVIET INTERNAL PASSPORT INDICATES THAT SHE IS REGISTERED IN MOSCOW/ THRU 1975, OVIR OFFICIALS STATED THAT HER LEGAL RESIDENCE ALLEGEDLY ENDED WHEN SHE TERMINATED HER STUDIES AT MOSCOW STATE UNIV. (IN ORDER TO APPLY FOR EMIGRATION TO HUSBAND). OVIR OFFICIALS INSISTED THAT MRS. FLOYD RETURN TO HER PARENTS' HOME IN KUYBYSHEV/ (ALMOST 1,000 KMS. FROM MOSCOW). ALTHOUGH MRS. FLOYD POINTED OUT THAT CLOSEST OVIER OFFICE TO KUYBYSHEV IS IN NOVOSIBIRSK, A DISTANCE OF ANOTHER 2,000 KMS. OVIR OFFICIALS WERE UNYIELDING. MRS. FLOYD ALSO EXPRESSED TO CONSOFF SERIOUS CONCERN THAT AUTHORITIES WILL NOW MOVE TO EXPEL HER FROM MOSCOW.

2. EMBASSY INTENDS TO REQUEST AT FIRST OPPORTUNITY NEXT WEEK THT MFA CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION ARRANGE FOR MRS. FLOYD TO BE PROCESSED IN MOSCOW. SINCE SHE HAS IN HAND ALL DOCUMENTS
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NEEDED FOR EXIT APPLICATION AND HAS PAID REQUIRED 40 RUBLE FEE,

REQUIREMENT TO MAKE (AND PURSUE) APPLICATION IN NOVOSIBIRSK
WOULD AT VERY LEAST DELAY CONSIDERABLY HER PROSPECTS OF BEING
REUNITED WITH HUSBAND.

3. IN RAISING CASE WITH CONSULAR ADMIN, WE WILL ALSO CITE EMBASSY
CONCERN OVER EXTREMELY SLOW PROCESSING IN OTHER US-SOVIET MARRIAGE
CASES, INCLUDING REP. LIST XV/ CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST CASE
OF MRS. FELDSTEIN (MOSCOW 0639 AND PREVIOUS), AND MR. GHARIBIAN
(MOSCOW 8257) -- BOTH OF WHOM APPLIED IN MID-FEBRUARY AND HAVE
BEEN PUT OFF PREPEATEDLY BY LOCAL OVIR OFFICIALS IN ATTEMPTING
ASECRTAIN STATUS THEIR APPLICATIONS.

4. FYI: MRS. FLOYD SUFFERED ADDITIONAL HARASSMENT IN BEING DETAINED
AND INTERROGATED FOR 45 MINUTES BY SOVIET "MILITIAMEN" POSTED
OUTSIDE EMBASSY ALTHOUGH SHE HAD IN HAND EMBASSY CONSULAR INVI-
TATION LETTER AND INTERNAL SOVIET PPT. IDENTIFYING HER BY MARRIED
NAME. ALTHOUGH CONSOFF INVITED HER TO RETURN TO EMBASSY IN NEAR
FUTURE TO ASCERTAIN RESULT OF OUR APPEAL TO MFA, SHE
CATEGORICALLY REFUSED, EXPLAINING THAT SHE WISHED AT ALL COSTS TO
AVOID REPETITION OF "SUCH A FRIGHTENING EXPERIENCE."
SHE STATED THAT SHE WOULD INSTEAD TELEPHONE CONSOFF IN ABOUT
TWO WEEKS -- OR SOONER IF SHE IS FORCED TO DEPART MOSCOW.
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